

Memorandum

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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: August 20, 2014

Reference No.: 2.2c (2)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE JELLY'S FERRY ROAD AT
SACRAMENTO RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (RESOLUTION E-14-38)**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Addendum for the Jelly's Ferry Road at Sacramento River Bridge Replacement Project (project) in Tehama County and approve the project for future consideration of funding?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND and Addendum and approve the project for future consideration of funding.

BACKGROUND:

Tehama County (County) is the CEQA lead agency for the project. The project is located on Jelly's Ferry Road approximately 7.5 miles northeast of the Jelly's Ferry Road/Interstate-5 intersection in Tehama County. This project will remove and replace the existing seismically and structurally deficient single-lane bridge over the Sacramento River with a bridge that will accommodate two 12-foot undivided lanes and two six-foot shoulders with Class II bike lanes. The project will also realign Jelly's Ferry Road, relocate existing Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recreational facilities, and construct a second Overflow Bridge to the north.

On July 23, 2007 the County adopted the final MND and found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation. Since approval in 2007, project design was modified to incorporate an alignment shift, additional improvements to roadway approaches, and a second Overflow Bridge to address overtopping of the roadway. Tehama County then prepared an Addendum to evaluate whether the project design modifications would result in any new or substantially more adverse significant impacts or require any new mitigation measures not identified in the 2007 MND. On June 24, 2014, the County adopted the Addendum to the 2007 MND and certified that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the mitigation

identified. On July 11, 2014 Caltrans determined the project to be categorically excluded from NEPA pursuant to 23CFR771.117(d)(3).

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to a less than significant level relate to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hydrology & Water Quality, and Noise. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to: development and implementation of a re-vegetation and erosion control plan, measures to minimize impacts to trees, riparian vegetation and existing rock outcroppings; measures to reduce fugitive dust and equipment emissions during construction; measures to reduce impacts to a variety of special status species including pre-construction surveys and compensatory mitigation as required for valley oak grasslands, bats, tri-colored black birds, Swainson's hawk, osprey, pacific pond turtles, valley elderberry longhorn beetles, and several fish species including Chinook Salmon, North American Green Sturgeon, and Central Valley Steelhead; avoidance measures for archeological sites/resources identified through a historic property survey report and measures to address inadvertent discovery of cultural resources; implementation of stormwater pollution prevention measures during construction/post-construction, activities, as well as soffit, pier and abutment design features to reduce scour impacts; and installation of noise reduction measures for sensitive receptors within the project area.

On June 30, 2014 the County confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

The project is estimated to cost \$33,452,000 and is fully funded through construction with STIP (\$3,181,000) and Federal (\$30,271,000) funds. Construction is estimated to begin in fiscal year 2015/16.

Attachments

- Resolution E-14-38
- Project Location

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 02 – Tehama County Resolution E-14-38

- 1.1 WHEREAS,** Tehama County has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Jelly’s Ferry Road at the Sacramento River Bridge Replacement Project
- 1.2 WHEREAS,** Tehama County has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum were completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS,** the project will remove and replace the existing seismically and structurally deficient single-lane bridge over the Sacramento River with a bridge that will accommodate two 12-foot undivided lanes and two six-foot shoulders with Class II bike lanes. The project will also realign Jelly’s Ferry Road, relocate existing Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recreational facilities, and construct a second Overflow Bridge to the north; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS,** the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS,** Tehama County found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS,** Tehama County approved the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby accept the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum and approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

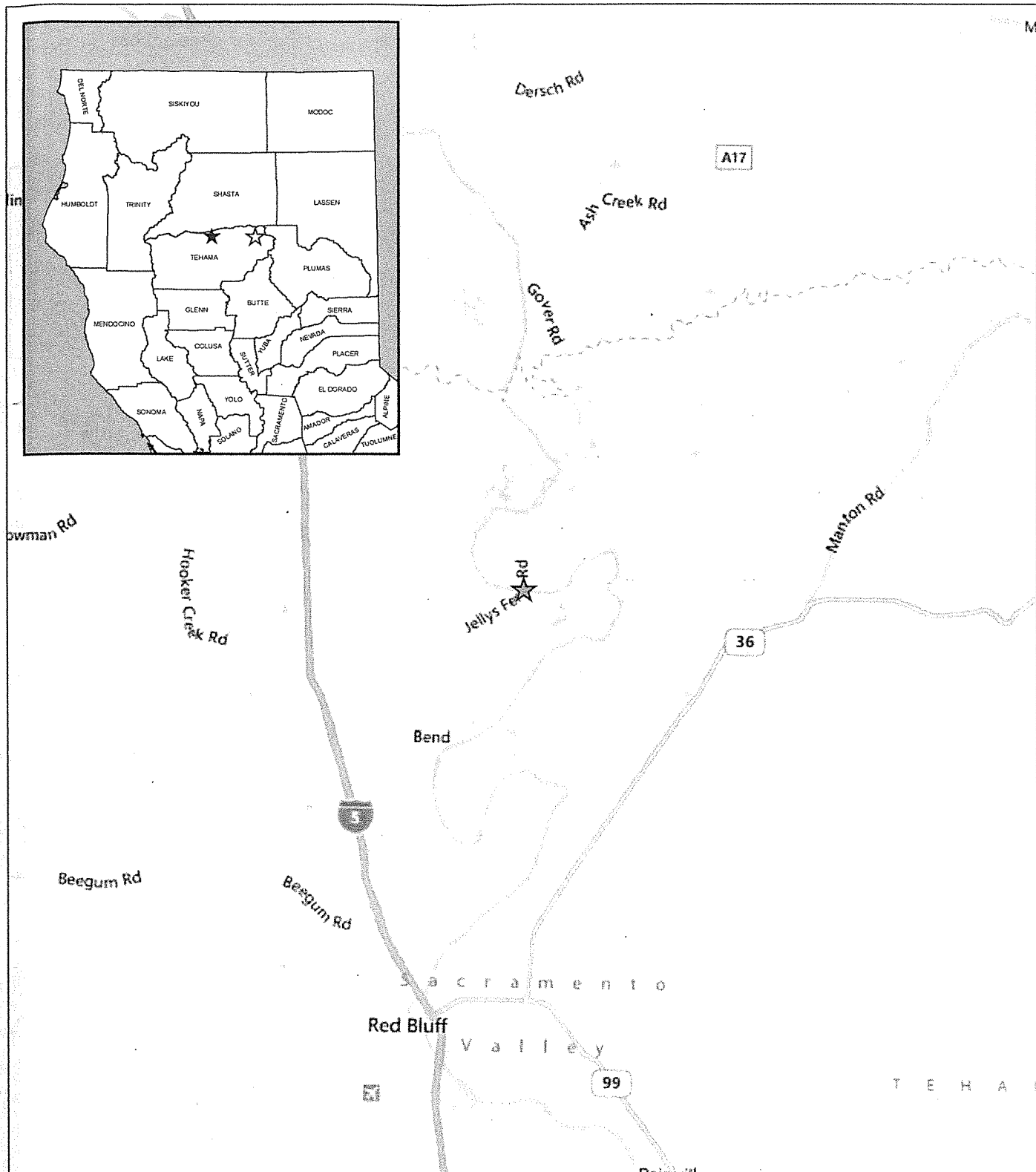
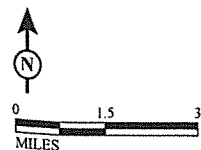


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LEGEND

★ Proposed Project Location



*Jellys Ferry Road
Bridge Replacement Project*

Proposed Project Location Map